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FOR ACTION DIRECTOR GENERAL FROM ASSTSEC HUMMEL

ALSO FOR EA/RHMILLER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: APER (ROBERT H. MILLER & DONALD WETHERBEE)

SUBJ: SERVICE ON 1976 SELECTION BOARDS

REF: STATE 193696

1. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT DON WETHERBEE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SEPT 1976 SELECTION BOARD B DUTY.

2. WITH DEEP REGRET, HOWEVER, I CANNOT CONCUR IN BOB MILLER'S DESIGNATION FOR SELECTION BOARD A DUTY. MILLER, AS YOU KNOW, IS MY SENIOR DEPUTY. HE IS THE DEPARTMENT'S TOP EXPERT AND COORDINATOR OF THE IMPORTANT, ONGOING PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. WITH THE SUDDEN TRANSFER OF BILL GLEYSTAIN TO THE NSC EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, AND MY OWN ASSUMPTION OF THIS SEAT JUST LAST MONTH, MILLER POSSESSES THE ONLY KNOWLEDGEABLE CONTINUITY ON THE BROAD AND SPECIFIC POLITICAL ISSUES IN EA'S FRONT OFFICE. I BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT FOR EITHER THE BUREAU'S VANTAGE OR THAT OF THE DEPARTMENT TO STRIP MILLER FROM EA DURING THE PERIOD THE BOARD WILL BE IN SESSION.

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3. RECOGNIZING THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE SELECTION BOARD PROCESS, AND THE NEED FOR OFFICERS OF MILLER'S QUALIFICATION ON THE BOARDS, I AM ESPECIALLY SORRY TO HAVE TO DENY MY CONCURRENCE IN HIS DESIGNATION.

I KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OBLIGING ME TO RESPOND IN THIS MANNER
TO YOUR MESSAGE.
ROBINSON

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